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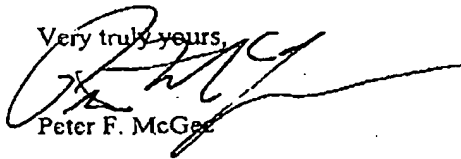
Re: Enclosed Response Under 37 CFR §1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/921,978
Docket No.: NEC01P145-RIa

Dear Examiner Apple:

Enclosed for filing is a Response in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 6, 2006, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,


Peter F. McGee

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